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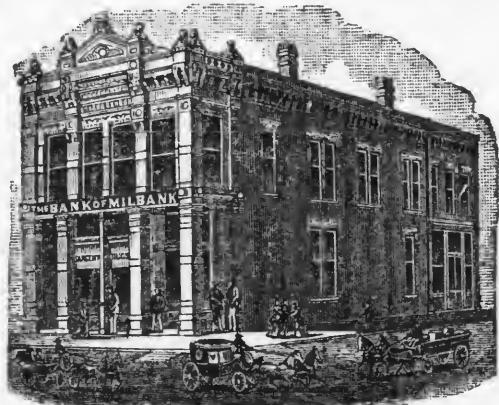
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OF THE

FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

DAKOTA CONFERENCE,

Commencing Wednesday, October 16, ending 21, 1889.

AT

HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA.

BISHOP J. H. VINCENT, D. D., LL. D., President.
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October 12, 1860, the first regularly appointed Methodist Minister entered Dakota and began his work.

YEAR.	CIRCUITS.	MEM. & PRO.	DISTRICTS.	MISSIONS.
1870	5	335		
1875	13	618	1	
1880	25	some 1,500	3	2
1884	100	some 6,000	6	3
1886	160	9,734	7	1 and 2 Conferences
1887	190	11,800	8	1 and 2 Conferences
1888 ₁	218	14,700	8	1 and 2 Conferences

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	NUMBERS.	SECRETARY.
Sept. 1880	YANKTON,	BISHOP WARREN,	1050	Wm. McCREADY
Oct. 1881	SIOUX FALLS,	" HURST,	1366	" "
" 1882	PARKER,	" MERRILL,	1504	" "
" 1883	HURON,	" SIMPSON,	2782	D. RIFENBARK
" 1884	MITCHELL,	" ANDREWS,	4469	" "
" 1885	BLUNT,	" FOSS,	5209	A. R. BOGGS
" 1886	WATERTOWN,	" BOWMAN,	6565	" "
" 1887	ABERDEEN,	" FOWLER,	8225	" "
" 1888	YANKTON,	" WALDEN,	9474	" "
" 1889	HURON,	" VINCENT,	10526	W. H. JORDAN,

Journal of Session.

FIRST DAY.

(WEDNESDAY.)

The DAKOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE met for its Fifth Session at the M. E. CHURCH, in Huron at 2 p. m., Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 1889—Bishop VINCENT in the chair.

“Jesus Lover of My Soul” was sung after which Rev. Wm. Brush led in prayer. The Bishop followed with a short address to the Conference.

On call of the roll 50 members and 10 probationers were present.

W. H. Jordan was elected Secretary and A. W. Adkinson and G. D. Cleworth were elected assistants.

J. P. Jenkins was elected statistical secretary, and Thos. Carson, C. H. Smith, L. W. Miller, G. W. Hickman, F. H. Wheeler were elected assistants.

C. E. Hager was elected treasurer, with D. Rifenbark and O. H. Sproul as assistants.

A. R. Boggs was elected railroad secretary.

The hours of the business session of the Conference were fixed from 8:30 to 12 a. m., the first half hour to be devoted to religious exercises.

The bar was fixed at the centre of the middle window.

The Bishop announced a dividend of \$541 from the Book Concern, and \$30 from the chartered fund for Conference claimants, and drafts were ordered for the same.

The following standing committees were appointed on the nomination of the Presiding Elders.

Education—W. H. Selleck, H. H. Dresser, A. R. Boggs, J. C. Shelland, H. M. Springer, Wm. Brush, A. W. Adkinson.

Prohibition—O. A. Phillips, James Rowe, W. Underwood, F. M. Robertson, D. C. McLean.

Sabbath Observance—Thos. Hambly, Thos. Simmons, W. H. Underwood, S. Washburn, J. P. Jenkins.

Missionary Appropriations—The Presiding Elders.

Conference Stewards—J. S. Akers, D. Rifenbark, W. H. Underwood, L. B. Wiles, T. A. Jones.

Memoirs—Thos. Hambly, O. A. Phillips, A. Jamieson, R. C. Opie, S. Washburn.

Conference Relations—W. F. Minty, O. H. Sproul, David Gostelow, James Rowe, T. H. Walker.

Church Literature—E. Craven, A. W. Adkinson, A. D. Dexter, C. E. Hager, T. S. Fowler.

Bible Cause—David Gostelow, R. C. Opie, T. H. Hendricks, F. E. Leazer, Hosea Locke.

Resolutions—J. C. Shelland, S. D. Robinson, G. D. Cleworth, L. G. Furnier, W. F. Minty.

Womens' Foreign Missionary Society—C. H. Smith, Duane Rifenbark, Robt. St. Clair, F. T. Nichols, L. G. Furnier.

Church Extension—A. E. Tanner, J. G. Hall, T. H. Walker, F. H. Wheeler, A. E. Burrows.

Sunday-schools and Tracts—W. H. Irwin, A. D. Smith, H. E. Wyckoff, J. E. Norvell, Joseph Mottershead.

Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts—E. O. Bullock, W. J. Hyde, J. G. Corwin, M. E. Nickerson, O. H. Sproul.

Auditing Treasurer's Accounts—S. A. French, E. E. Clough, W. W. Brown, A. E. Tanner, C. H. Smith.

Postoffices—Arza P. Janes, Thos. Carson, James Trewartha, Edward Vaughn, A. D. Smith.

State of the Church—F. A. Burdick, E. W. Sage, S. P. Brokaw, Thos. Simmons, W. J. Hyde.

Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society—E. Craven, S. A. French, L. W. Miller, Chas. Rotkins, S. C. Leavell.

Book Accounts—Duane Rifenbark.

On Moral and Religious Needs of the Army—E. E. Clough.

Gospel in all Lands—C. H. Smith.

Methodist Review—John P. Jenkins.

The papers regarding the Episcopal fund were referred to the Presiding Elders.

The report of the Book Concern was referred to the proper committee.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. King of Cornell College, Rev. A. J. Benjamin of the Wisconsin Conference, Rev. W. P. Graves of the Central Illinois Conference.

The 20th question was called and the character of Wm. Fielder, Presiding Elder of Aberdeen District was passed.

The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they made their reports, viz: W. H. Selleck, O. A. Phillips, S. F. Brown, David Gostelow, T. S. Fowler, Thos. Simmons, A. E. Burrows.

Huron District was called and the character of Lewis Bradford, Presiding Elder, passed.

The characters of the following effective Elders were passed and they made their reports viz.,

H. H. Dresser, Jas. Rowe, Edwin Craven, A. E. Tanner.

Mitchell District was called and the character of C. B. Clark, Presiding Elder, was passed.

The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they made their reports, viz:—E. W. Sage, A. R. Boggs, H. E. Wyckoff, H. T. Curl, Sanford Washburn, L. B. Wiles, L. W. Miller, G. J. Corwin, Wm. Underwood, J. G. Hall, Wm. Brush, A. W. Adkinson, W. M. Welch, W. F. Minty.

J. G. Palmer was granted a certificate of location at his own request.

The Sioux Falls District was called and the character of L. Hartsough, Presiding Elder, was passed.

The characters of the following effective elders were then passed and they made their reports, viz:—D. Rifenbark, M. E. Nickerson, J. E. Norvell, T. H. Walker, A. Jamieson, F. M. Robertson, J. C. Shelland, F. A. Burdick, Hosea Locke.

Watertown District was called and the character of A. D. Traveller, Presiding Elder was passed.

The characters of the following effective elders were also passed and they made their reports, viz:—S. P. Brokaw, O. H. Sproul, Jas. Trewartha, R. C. St Clair, H. M. Springer, C. E. Hager, E. E. Clough, C. H. Botkin.

Timothy Donohue is Missionary to China and O. E. Murray was left to attend school.

Question 18 was called and Robert J. Irwin, deacon of the first class, located at his own request.

Question 19 was called and D. W. Chamberlain continued a superanuate.

Each of the Presiding Elders except L. Bradford then made their reports, which were ordered to be filed with the Secretary for future reference.

Question 1 was called. Who are transferred and from what Conference? A. D. Dexter from West Wisconsin, L. L. Hanscome and Theodore Gerrish from Maine, and J. S. Akers from Illinois.

The *22d Question* called—Have any been transferred, and to what Conference? William Pagenhart, to northwest German, Smith Lent to Rock River, Lewis F. Dimmitt to Illinois and A. F. Thompson to Minnesota.

J. R. Berry of the Minnesota Conference and Dr. Gray of Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society were introduced to Conference.

The Conference then adjourned for organization of Committees.

SECOND DAY.

(THURSDAY.)

After fifteen minutes talk to the young men Bishop Vincent formally opened the Conference at 8:30 a. m.

Forty-five minutes were spent in song and prayer and reading accompanied by brief exposition by the Bishop of the first two chapters of Paul's first letter to Timothy.

Minutes of first day's session were read and approved.

Names of absentees were called and L. Bradford, E. E. Clough, A. Jamieson, W. F. Minty and James Trewartha responded.

Thos Hamby and J. C. Shelland were elected newspaper reporters.

Lewis Bradford, P. E., reported the Huron District.

5th Question was called and Thos. A. Jones, Wm. W. Brown, R. C. Opie, Wm. C. Sage, Francis T. Nichols, Edward Vaughn and Thomas Carson were admitted to full membership and elected to deacons orders.

Thomas H. Garvin, Joseph R. Grady, were continued on trial.

Oscar A. Harple, Ephraim W. Florence and James M. Kemp were discontinued at their own request.

Question 14 was called and Wm. H. Jordan, Lucas G. Furnier, Thos. Hambly, Gilbert D. Cleworth, and John P. Jenkins were elected to elder's orders.

Wm. H. Matson was continued as a deacon of the second class.

On motion T. H. Walker was substituted for D. Rifenbark on Book Accounts.

3rd Question was called and Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, Jas B. Dibble, Jas. D. Allison, Samuel D. Robinson, Donald C. McLean, Arza P. Janes, and Joseph Mottershead were advanced to the second year on trial.

Wm. O. Redfield was conditioned on history and rhetoric.

Jas. D. Allison and Arza P. Janes conditioned on rhetoric and the reading of the first year.

Jas. B. Dibble conditioned on reading of first year.

Wm. H. Underwood and Isaac C. Phifer were continued on trial with permission to bring up both years' studies this year.

Donald C. McLean was conditioned on rhetoric.

Ellis S. Chappell was continued in first year. Alexander D. Smith was discontinued and Presiding Elder permitted to employ him.

Stanley S. Smith fell at his post last winter.

Communication from the widow of brother Smith was read and a collection amounting to \$57 taken for her benefit. At the evening meeting this amount was increased to \$77, which on order of Conference was committed to Wm. Fielder to be forwarded to Sister Smith.

The following committee on Book Concern was appointed, viz:—T. S. Fowler, Edwin Craven, C. H. Smith, A. Jamieson, and Chas. H. Botkin.

A committee on Conference examinations was ordered and the Presiding Elders instructed to nominate.

On motion the rule limiting time for receiving reports was suspended. List of committees was called and announcements made.

Pastor of Huron Church and Presiding Elder of Huron District appointed committee on public worship.

Conference invited Dr. Gray to preach at 3 p. m.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by A. J. Benjamin of Wisconsin Conference.

THIRD DAY.

After the morning's devotional exercises the Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 9 o'clock a. m.

Minutes of second day's proceedings read and approved.

The action of the Conference discontinuing Rev. Alex D. Smith was reconsidered and on motion Brother Smith was continued in first year on trial.

The Conference ordered that all candidates for examination be re-examined in all studies in which they passed below the grade of 7.

The secretary of the Conference was made editor and publisher of the minutes.

Ordered that advertisements be admitted to the minutes at the discretion of the Secretary.

Question 13 was called and Silas A. French, Charles H. Smith, William D. Deeble, Fred E. Leazer, William J. Hyde, Edward O. Bullock, Frank H. Wheeler and William H. Irwin were passed to deacons of the second class.

Silas A. French and Fred E. Leazer were continued in the first class of deacons and required to bring up all delinquent studies.

The committee on Conference relations was permitted to retire and all candidates for admission on trial were directed to appear before it at once.

A communication from Mayor Rice was read inviting the Conference to witness a display of the power of the artesian well.

S. C. Leavell was appointed reporter for the Daily Times in place of J. C. Shelland.

A committee of five was appointed to nominate candidates for membership in the Ecumenical Council.

W. H. Selleck, F. A. Burdick, F. H. Wheeler, C. H. Smith and W. J. Hyde were appointed a committee to consider the practicability of establishing a Conference Epworth League.

The committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society made their report which was adopted. [See Report.]

The report of the committee on Church Extension was adopted. [See Report.]

The Presiding Elders nominated the standing committees which were elected. [See Standing Committees.]

The committee on delegates to the Ecumenical Council nominated Revs. C. B. Clark and Wm. Fielder, ministerial, and J. P. Ward and E. H. Andrews, lay, and nominations were approved by the Conference.

Committee on Sunday-school Union reported and report was adopted. [See Report.]

H. E. Wyckoff reported his missionary collection.

A resolution in regard to the Y. M. C. A. was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Thomas Hamblly, W. J. Hyde and W. H. Jordan were appointed a committee on permanent fund for publication of the minutes.

The report of the committee on Freedman's Aid was adopted. [See Report.]

The report of the committee on Sabbath Observance was adopted. [See Report.]

The report of the committee on Sunday-schools and Tracts was adopted. [See Report.]

On motion the examination of C. B. Warren, passed last year, was recognized and he was permitted to go before the committee on Conference Relations.

T. S. Fowler, A. D. Dexter and O. H. Sproul were granted supernumerary relations at their own request.

C. M. Arthur was discontinued by action of Conference.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to transfer no man to this Conference

with the understanding that he is to fill any particular charge or class of charges except by the unanimous consent of the Presiding Elders. That we request the Presiding Elders to negotiate for, ask, or consent to the transfer of no man with the understanding that he is to fill any particular appointment, except by the unanimous consent of the Presiding Elders.

Dr. Gray addressed the Conference in the interest of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Question 2 was called and the following were admitted on trial: William H. Cory, William P. Pearce, George W. Hickman, Charles B. Warren, Lyman W. Ray, Lyle F. Beach, Joseph E. Herrinton.

Phillip Wacker of Northwest German Conference and J. T. Evans of the American Bible Society were introduced to the Conference.

Conference Adjourned by expiration of time and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Brush.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Bishop Vincent assisted by the Presiding Elders and others conducted a most beautiful and inspiring Ordination Service, followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that I ordained as deacons in the Dakota Annual Conference at Huron, S. D., October 18, 1889, the following brethren: Thomas A. Jones, Wm. W. Brown, Richard C. Opie, William C. Sage, Francis T. Nicholls, Edward Vaughn and Thomas Carson, and assisted by Elders, the following persons as Elders: Wm. H. Jordan, Lucas G. Fourier, Thos. Hambly, Gilbert D. Cleworth and John P. Jenkins.

Huron, S. D., October 19, 1889.

JOHN H. VINCENT, President.

FOURTH DAY.

(SATURDAY.)

Conference convened at 8:30 a. m. After the usual devotional exercises conducted by Bishop Vincent, the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Question 33 was called and Mitchell was selected by acclamation as the place of the next Conference.

F. E. Leazer was by vote permitted to bring up two years' studies next year.

Question 2 was recalled and the following were admitted on trial: James F. Davis, (conditioned on Porter's Compendium), Abel H. Colton, Clarence W. East, William H. Calvin, Thomas Sanderson, Albert S. Mason, Edward S. Ireland.

Report of publishing committee of minutes for last year was presented by F. A. Burdick and was adopted.

The report of the committee on Moral and Religious Needs of the Army was adopted.

The report of the committee on the State of the Church was adopted.

Committee on Epworth League reported. Pending the adoption of the report Bishop Vincent addressed the conference upon the work of the League. Report adopted.

Dr. Gillett was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Sunday-school Union and Tract Society.

The report of the Bible Society was read and adopted.

The report on prohibition was read and after full discussion and amendment was adopted, section by section. [See Report.]

The secretary was instructed to forward a copy of resolutions and especially the one regarding indemnification of brewers and distillers to Gov. Mellette.

Announcements of various meetings were made.

Ordered that Conference when it does adjourn, adjourn to meet at the regular hour on Monday.

On motion rule for adjournment at noon was suspended.

Brother John McCabe, son of the chaplain, addressed the Conference in the interest of the Missionary Society.

F. M. Robertson and Wm. M. Welch were made supernumeraries at their own request.

Edwin Craven was located at his own request.

The report of auditing committee of treasurer's accounts was read and approved.

On motion Conference adjourned, benediction being pronounced by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY.

(MONDAY.)

At 8 a. m. Bishop Vincent addressed the Undergraduates and an Itinerant's Club was organized. By vote of the Undergraduates, the following resolutions were adopted.

WHEREAS, There is a demand for increased attention to the subject of ministerial training within our church, and especially among our brethren, who have not enjoyed, or who may not enjoy the privileges of the theological training, and

WHEREAS, The church has provided a course of Biblical, Theological and Eclectical reading and study as necessary to admission into our M. E. ministry therefore

Resolved, That we, the undergraduates of the Dakota Annual Conference of the M. E. church do resolve to organize an "Itinerant's Club" for the promotion of ministerial efficiency, and the more thorough mastery of the Conference course by means of correspondence, frequent meeting of two or more undergraduates for conversation and study, by a summer session of the club at some central point and by our regular Ministerial and District Associations.

Resolved. That we hereby request the committees on Education for the coming year to co-operate in this movement to the full extent of their power and opportunity,

Resolved, That an executive committee of one from each undergraduate class be appointed to take charge of this movement and to consult the examiner as to methods of work.

Conference was regularly opened at 9 o'clock with reading of the last chapter of Second Timothy by the Bishop, and prayer by Dr. Edwards.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

All matters relating to the meeting of the Itinerants club were referred to the executive committee of classes.

The Bishop was requested to secure an appropriation from our missionary societies of \$3,000 for opening our work in the reservations.

The secretary reported a plan for paying for the publication of the minutes.

Roll of Conference was called and subscriptions were received for the minutes.

Statistical secretary read his report by districts. Report adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Dr. Chaffee addressed the Conference briefly in the interest of the Methodist Herald.

Committee on Periodicals reported and the report was adopted.

Dr. Edwards addressed the Conference in the interest of the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Charles J. Wright was admitted on trial.

The following resolutions respecting Brother Fielder were passed:

WHEREAS, William Fielder is the practically unanimous choice of the workers of our state for the presidency of the prohibitory enforcement league, be it resolved that the Bishop be requested to appoint him "an agent to promote the cause of temperance."

A. D. TRAVELLER,
L. HARTSOUGH.

Also the following:

Resolved, That we recognize in our beloved Brother, Wm. Fielder, one eminently fitted for the work as president of the Enforcement League and if he shall accept that work we hereby pledge him our heartiest support in all his duties and we will always cordially welcome him to our charges laying aside as far as practicable all other appointments for his plans and appointments.

F. A. BURDICK.

Resolution supplementary to the prohibition report thanking the 56 members of the Democratic convention for their support of prohibition were adopted.

Preamble and Resolutions appreciative of the services of Brother and Sister Hartsough in the Conference and especially in the Sioux Falls District were adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, The author, L. Hartsough, of "I Am Coming Lord," and other hymns world-wide in their use and influence, has been a worker in this field, both while it was a mission and since it became a Conference; and,

WHEREAS, He came to us a ripe scholar, a true poet, a superior preacher, an abundantly successful winner of souls, a consecrated man of affairs, wise in many things; and

WHEREAS, His wisdom and devotion have been a continuous blessing to us through all these years; and

WHEREAS, His noble wife, conducting revival services, winning many souls holding missionary meetings, giving money and time without stint to the up-building of the church, has been so truly a helpmate unto her worthy husband; and,

WHEREAS, By expiration of time this, the Nestor of our Conference, and his honorable wife, must now be separated from that relation with us as ministers of Sioux Falls district, where their wise counsels have been so helpful to us all; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of Dakota Conference, and especially of the Sioux Falls district, view this dissolution of our working relationship with Brother and Sister Hartsough with deep regret; that we assure them that our love, reverence, prayers and constant affections will follow them wherever they are, and that we desire to have this preamble and resolution placed on the Conference minutes as a token of such deep affection as mere words are too feeble to convey.

D. Rifenbark,
J. C. Shelland,
J. E. Norvell,
T. Carson,
T. H. Walker.

J. P. Jenkins,
W. O. Redfield,
F. A. Burdick,
L. H. Huckins,

A beautiful silver water service was presented to them by the Bishop on behalf of the members of the Sioux Falls District.

Brother Hartsough responded with impressive and appropriate remarks, alluding to the nearly 120,000 miles of travel he had made in church work in the Territory and his continued, unalloyed devotion to Dakota and the Conference.

Collection ordered to be taken for the sexton and incidental expenses. The collection amounted to \$14.69.

Lewis Hartsough and Hosea Locke were granted supernumerary relation.
The report of the Conference stewards was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted regarding the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

WHEREAS, The Dakota Conference is within the patronizing territory of the Northwestern Christian Advocate,

Resolved, That we as pastors owe allegiance to our church paper and will seek to place it in every Methodist home in preference to all others, not our own church papers.

The committee on education reported and the report was adopted. [See Report.]

On motion the Conference ordered that the educational collections of the Conference be devoted to the Dakota University.

The Conference requested the Bishop to appoint Wm. Underwood agent of Dakota University.

A greeting from the W. C. T. U. to the Conference was read by W. H. Selleck.

The committee for auditing Presiding Elders' accounts reported and the report was adopted. [See Report.]

Communications and resolutions regarding Sabbath Observance Associations

was read and after an address by Rev. A. B. Smart, vice president of said association, were adopted.

The committee on resolutions presented a report, which was adopted.

On motion the time of session was extended.

Lewis Bradford presented claims of Highmore church and Brother Phifer was appointed agent to solicit donations from those now in the room.

Missionary appropriations for the ensuing year were read by C. B. Clark.

On motion it was ordered that after reading the appointments the Conference stand adjourned.

Bishop Vincent led the Conference in an earnest prayer; addressed very briefly the members of the Conference; read the list of appointments, and the Fifth session of the Dakota Conference stood adjourned.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1 Who are transferred and from what Conference? A. D. Dexter from West Wisconsin, L. L. Hanscome from Maine, J. S. Akers from Illinois, Theodore Gerrish from Maine.

2 Who are admitted on trial? Wm. H. Cory, Wm. P. Pearce, Geo. W. Hickman, Chas. B. Warren, Lyman W. Ray, Jos. E. Herrinton, Lyle F. Beach, Jas. F. Davis, Abel H. Colton, Clarence W. East, Wm. H. Caivin, Thos. Sanderson, Albert S. Mason, Edward S. Ireland.

3. Who remain on trial? Wm. H. Underwood, Isaac C. Phifer, Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, Jas. B. Dibble, Jas. D. Allison, Samuel D. Robinson, Donald C. McLean, Ellis S. Chappell, Arza P. Janes, Joseph Mottershead, Thos. H. Garvin.

4 Who are discontinued? Chas. M. Arthur.

5 Who are admitted into full connection? Thos. A. Jones, Wm. W. Brown, Wm. C. Sage, Frank T. Nicholls, Edward Vaughn, R. C. Opie, Thos. Carson.

6. Who are re-admitted? None.

7 Who are admitted on credentials from other churches? None.

8 What traveling preachers have been elected deacons? Thomas A. Jones, Wm. W. Brown, Richard C. Opie, Wm. C. Sage, Francis T. Nicholls, Edward Vaughn, Thomas Carson.

9 What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons? Thos. A. Jones, Wm. W. Brown, Richard C. Opie, Wm. C. Sage, Francis T. Nicholls, Edward Vaughn, Thomas Carson.

10 What local preachers have been elected deacons? None.

11 What local preachers have been ordained deacons? None.

12 Who are traveling deacons of the first-class? Phillip K. Hammond, Fred E. Leazer, Silas A. French, Thos. A. Jones, Wm. W. Brown, Richard C. Opie, Wm. C. Sage, Francis T. Nicholls, Edward Vaughn, Thomas Carson.

13 Who are traveling deacons of the second class? Chas. H. Smith,

Samuel C. Leavell, Wm. D. Deeble, Wm. J. Hyde, Frank H. Wheeler, Edward O. Bullock, Wm. H. Irwin.

14 What traveling deacons have been elected elders? Wm. H. Jordan, Lucas G. Fourier, Thos. Hambly, Gilbert D. Cleworth, John P. Jenkins.

15 What traveling deacons have been ordained elders? Wm. H. Jordan, Lucas G. Fourier, Thos. Hambly, Gilbert D. Cleworth and John P. Jenkins.

16 What local deacons have been elected elders? None.

17 What local deacons have been ordained elders? None.

18 Who are the supernumerary preachers? T. S. Fowler, A. D. Dexter, O. H. Sproul, H. T. Curl, F. M. Robertson, Wm. M. Welch, L. Hartsough, Hosea Locke.

19 Who are the superanuated preachers? D. W. Chamberlain.

20 Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes.

21 Have any died? Chas. B. Gilbert, Stanley S. Smith, (probationers.)

22 Have any been transferred and to what Conference? Wm. Pagenhart to Northwest German, Smith Lent to Rock River, Lewis F. Dimmitt to Illinois and A. F. Thompson to Minnesota.

23 Have any withdrawn? None.

24 Have any located at their own request? Robert J. Irwin, John G. Palmer, Edwin Craven.

25 Have any been located? None.

26 Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.

27 Have any been expelled? None.

28 Who are the triers of appeals? Robert St. Clair, J. S. Akers, H. H. Dresser, E. E. Clough, W. Underwood, A. W. Adkinson, Thos. Simmons.

29 What is the statistical report for this Conference year? [See Statistical Tables.]

30 What are the claims on the Conference funds? [See Steward's Report.]

31 What has been raised on these claims and how has it been applied? [See Stewards Report.]

32 Where are the preachers stationed? [See Appointments.]

33 Where shall the next Conference be held? Mitchell.

APPOINTMENTS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT—F. A. BURDICK, P. E.

Aberdeen, W. H. Selleck.	Eureka and Mound City, A. D. Smith.
Andover, Chas. B. Warren.	Frederick, supplied by W. W. Glazier.
Ashton and Athol, supplied by R. G. Graham.	Groton and Putney, David Gostellow.
Bangor, S. F. Brown.	Hecla, supplied by Thos. Trevillick.
Bath, Lyman W. Ray.	Ipswich, Samuel C. Leavell.
Britton, A. E. Burrows.	Langford, Wm. D. Deible.
Claremont, Wm. H. Irwin.	Leola, George W. Hickman.
Columbia and Ordway, T. Simmons.	Ludden; supplied by G. F. Beiber.
Coral, Wm. W. Brown.	Newark, Edward O. Bullock.
Devoe and Roanoke, supplied by Thos. Collins.	Northville and Mellette, J. S. Akers.
Doland and Frankfort, Wm. H. Cory.	Roscoe and Bowdle, Lyle F. Beach.
Ellendale, Wm. P. Pearse.	Warner, supplied by C. E. Luce.
	Westport, Edward Vaughn.

HURON DISTRICT—LEWIS BRADFORD, P. E.

Alpena, Thos. Carson.	Iroquois, to be supplied.
Blunt, Chas. J. Wright.	Miller, to be supplied.
Burkmere, Joseph E. Herrinton.	Onida, James D. Allison.
Cavour, to be supplied.	Pierre, First Church, Isaac C. Phifer.
De Smet, W. H. Matson.	Pierre, East Church, to be supplied.
Faulkton, L. B. Wiles.	Fort Pierre, to be supplied.
Gettysburg and Forest City, James F. Davis.	Redfield, A. R. Boggs.
Hand, (Circuit), Ellis S. Chappell.	St. Lawrence, Wm. J. Hyde.
Highmore, to be supplied.	Waterbury, to be supplied.
Hitchcock, Richard C. Opie.	Wessington and Wolsey, A. E. Tanner.
Huron, H. H. Dresser.	Wessington Springs, to be supplied.
Wm. Fielder, Temperance agent and member of Huron Quarterly Conference.	Winthrop, to be supplied.

MITCHELL DISTRICT—C. B. CLARK, P. E.

Alexandria, to be supplied.	Howard, Sanford Washburn.
Armour, to be supplied.	Kimball, E. H. Wycoff.
Bridgewater, supplied by F. A. Le-Violet.	Mitchell, to be supplied.
Bijou Hills, Arza P. Janes.	Mitchell Circuit, to be supplied.
Chamberlain, Ira A. Sparks.	Mount Vernon supplied by J. G. Hall.
Carthage and Artesian, G. J. Corwin.	Plankinton, C. H. Smith.
Delmont supplied by Wm. Van Ese.	Scotland, L. W. Miller.
Edgerton, Abel Colton.	Tyndall and Springfield, W. F. Minty.
Ethan and Parkston, T. H. Hendricks.	White Lake, W. H. Underwood.
Fulton, E. W. Sage.	Woonsocket, supplied by T. J. Youngman.

Wm. Brush, President, A. W. Adkinson, Vice President, and Wm. Underwood, Agent of Dakota University and members of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—W. H. JORDAN, P. E.

Alcester, supplied by S. D. McUmber.	Lodi, supplied by L. H. Huckins.
Beresford, M. E. Nickerson	Parker, T. H. Walker.
Centerville, Silas A. French.	Prospect, Wm. O. Redfield.
Canton, Archibald Jamieson.	Salem and Montrose, to be supplied.
Dell Rapids, J. P. Jenkins.	Sioux Falls, First Church, L. L. Hansome.
Elk Point and Richland, D. Rifenbark.	Sioux Falls, South Church, Theodore Gerrish.
Elk Point, (Circuit) to be supplied.	Sioux Falls, East Church, to be supplied.
Flandrau and Egan, supplied by A. Matson.	Sioux Falls Circuit to be supplied.
Gayville, supplied by S. D. Keister.	Vermillion, G. D. Cleworth.
Hartford, supplied by W. J. Wilson.	Yankton, E. E. Clough.
Hurley, to be supplied.	
Lennox, J. E. Norvell.	

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—A. D. TRAVELLER, P. E.

Arlington, Wm. C. Sage.	Henry, O. A. Phillips.
Aurora and Midway, Frederick E. Leazer.	Kampeska, H. M. Springer.
Big Stone City, Sammel C. Robinson.	Lake Preston, Albert S. Mason.
Bristol, S. P. Brokaw.	Madison, C. E. Hagar.
Bradley, Wm. Calvin.	Milbank, J. C. Shelland.
Brookings, Frank H. Wheeler.	Roumania, to be supplied.
Clear Lake, Clarence W. East.	Twin Brooks, E. S. Ireland.
Clark, Thomas Hambly.	Wanbay, to be supplied.
Clark Circuit, James Trewartha.	Watertown, to be supplied.
Elkton, Thomas A. Jones.	Waverly, to be supplied.
Estelline and Oakwood, Thomas Sanderson.	Webster, Joseph Mottershead.
Gary, Robert C. St. Clair.	White, C. H. Botkin.
	Wilmot, Donald C. McLean.
	Willow Lakes, James B. Dibble.

Timothy Donahue, Missionary to China.

Left without appointment to attend school: O. E. Murray, Francis T. Nicholls, Thos. H. Garvin, Joseph R. Gowdy, Philip K. Hammond, Jas. Rowe.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

EXAMINATION.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL—J. C. Shelland, Duane Rifenbark, H. H. Dresser.

FIRST YEAR—A. R. Boggs, W. H. Jordan, J. S. Akers.

SECOND YEAR—A. E. Tanner, E. E. Clough, Sanford Washburn.

THIRD YEAR—C. H. Botkin, Thomas Simmons, L. W. Miller.

FOURTH YEAR—H. M. Springer, T. H. Walker, W. H. Selleck.

LOCAL ORDERS—J. E. Norwell, Thos. Hambly, A. E. Burrows.

CONFERENCE TREASURER—C. E. Hager.

SECRETARY WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Mrs. I. M. Hart-sough.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON—H. H. Dresser, alternate, W. H. Jordan.

TRIERS OF APPEALS—Robert St. Clair, J. S. Akers, H. H. Dresser, E. E. Clough, W. Underwood, A. W. Adkinson, Thos Simmons.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

PRESIDENT, L. Bradford.

SECRETARY, H. H. Dresser.

TREASURER, L. W. Hazen. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, Presiding Elders.

LAYMEN—Aberdeen District, H. C. Sessions; Huron District, H. S. Mouser; Mitchell District, R. N. Kratz; Sioux Falls District, J. A. Cooley; Watertown District, M. Cooper.

CHURCH LOCATIONS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT—F. A. Burdick, Thomas Simmons, J. S. Akers, K. L. Brown, J. W. Parmley.

HURON DISTRICT—Lewis Bradford, W. J. Hyde, J. W. Baker, E. H. Andrews, A. W. VanKamp.

MITCHELL DISTRICT—C. B. Clark, Wm. Underwood, Sanford Washburn, C. K. Watters, Joseph Harker.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—W. H. Jordan, L. L. Hanscome, J. P. Jenkins, A. E. Carhart, W. B. Waite.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—A. D. Traveller, J. C. Shelland, D. W. Diggs, J. C. Walders, Thos Hambly.

STATISTICS NO. 1, DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1889.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members.	No. L. Preacher.	No. of Deaths.	Children Bapt'd	Adults Baptized.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Val.	Building, Imp. Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Church Property.	Church Property.			Present Church Indebtiness.	Expen's (Sexton, light, fuel, &c.)	Benevolent Collections.			Minist'l Sup'tr									
											No. of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	No. of Parsonages.	From S. S.	Total.	For Church Ex- tentition.	For S. S. Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Children's Day.	Bible Society.	W. Fr'n Mission	W. Home Mis'n.	For Pastor Pre- siding Elder, House Rent and Bishops.	Conferance Claimants.	Other Collections.		
Aberdeen	8	225	1	1	16	38	1	\$250	1	\$1000	\$1135	\$789	\$560	\$22	\$100	\$6	10	\$16	\$37	\$4	\$44	\$1	1314	4	\$			
Andover	5	325	1	1	1	1	1	2000	1	65	11	315	70	7	8	15	10	7	2	1	1	1	1	555	1	1		
Ashton	6	79	2	1	1	8	1	2000	1	9	150	40	20	20	20	10	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	455	2	2		
Athol	16	98	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	25	5	5	5	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	280	2	2		
Bangor	2	23	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	1		
Bath	13	52	1	1	1	6	1	2500	1	600	125	140	590	110	20	15	35	15	2	2	2	2	2	2	741	3	3	
Britton	4	33	1	2	2	3	1	2000	1	100	350	500	85	5	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	497	1	1	50
Campbell County	13	1	1	1	1	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	
Claremont and Detroit	24	43	1	1	1	17	2	4300	1	95	750	150	11	19	30	13	2	2	5	3	15	2	2	1	723	2	3	
Columbia and Ordway	10	111	1	2	1	38	2	5000	1	1656	250	750	255	98	13	108	18	2	2	7	2	2	2	1	819	4	55	
Coral	11	63	1	1	1	16	1	1	1	700	462	137	20	20	10	1	1	3	1	1	10	1	1	635	1	1	2	
Doland and Frankfort	43	87	1	1	1	17	2	4200	1	700	1200	950	375	20	8	28	12	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	601	2	2	
Ellendale	11	83	1	1	1	4	19	2	4000	1	365	159	400	100	25	5	30	10	1	1	4	1	1	1	684	3	6	
Frederick	7	40	2	1	1	1	1	2500	1	100	282	110	13	13	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	489	1	1		
Groton	4	59	1	1	1	2	1	3500	1	150	20	150	20	20	20	20	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	557	1	1	16	
Ipswich	7	73	1	2	28	6	1	2600	1	65	1019	380	110	27	18	45	13	2	2	11	1	1	1	852	2	2		
Langford	10	45	1	1	1	1	1	1800	1	99	500	50	13	13	13	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	305	1	1		
Leola	2	33	1	1	1	1	1	2500	1	1800	700	10	7	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	320	1	1		
Ludden	13	40	3	1	1	5	1	2500	1	100	800	15	25	25	5	1	1	2	2	5	1	1	1	491	1	1		
Millard	2	19	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	118	1	1		
Newark	18	65	4	6	38	1	1	900	1	550	1629	350	25	11	3	14	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	441	1	1		
Northville and Mellette	30	131	1	9	9	2	1	5000	1	500	1866	800	170	25	5	30	13	2	2	1	15	3	3	773	3	300		
Putney	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1600	1	100	63	209	20	8	2	10	5	1	1	7	1	1	1	352	2	5		
Roanoke and De Voe	4	93	1	1	6	1	1	700	1	30	30	30	20	6	6	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	450	1	1		
Roscoe and Bowdle	3	45	1	2	3	1	1	3000	1	175	525	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	432	1	1		
Warner	34	75	1	2	1	1	1	1800	1	35	350	300	20	20	20	20	1	1	2	3	7	1	1	432	2	2		
Westport	21	61	1	1	5	2	1	3500	1	2300	500	15	10	15	25	10	1	1	2	3	7	1	1	494	2	2		
TOTALS	3681	1755	16	12	85	257	29	66150	5	3500	12212	5410	10707	2530	501	136	637	217	29	25	64	30	235	24	60	13483	40	440

HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena	7	\$2	-	-	3	9	\$ 2000	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 950	\$ 48	\$ 9	\$ 3	\$ 12	\$ 8	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 512	\$ 1								
Blunt	24	109	3	3	2	16	1	4000	-	121	1540	66	18	7	25	11	3	1	10	-	9	-	387	2							
Burkmere	2	47	-	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	8	3	2	1	3	-	213	1								
Cavour	10	100	1	2	-	-	1	1500	-	51	290	25	21	-	21	3	2	1	3	-	3	-	424	-							
Faulkton	6	75	1	6	12	21	1	4000	-	700	500	750	100	20	5	25	10	-	10	-	-	630	-								
Gettysburg	11	69	1	-	3	2	1	1600	1	200	1150	-	650	25	15	15	2	1	1	-	3	1	560	2							
Hand Circuit	19	145	1	-	10	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	28	32	12	2	1	12	-	6	1	467	4						
Highmore	1	43	1	1	2	4	1	3500	1	400	400	133	2200	31	2	5	7	-	-	4	10	-	332	-							
Highmore Circuit	9	42	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5	-	-	-	3	-	138	-								
Hitchcock	73	180	2	6	15	14	2	3000	1	400	25	75	400	75	43	7	50	18	10	12	2	14	1	824	5						
Huron	12	230	1	-	4	-	1	18000	1	1000	635	-	1700	400	56	44	100	35	1	1	20	-	60	1	1398	10					
Iroquois	31	100	1	3	7	2	2	3500	-	-	40	1200	60	10	5	15	-	-	10	0	-	-	481	3							
Omaha	6	45	1	2	2	-	1	100	-	100	-	-	-	13	-	13	5	1	-	4	-	5	1	147	1						
Pierre	35	100	-	1	-	2	1	3000	-	130	112	500	200	50	-	50	12	5	2	5	-	23	-	447	-						
Redfield	13	108	-	3	6	7	1	2500	1	1500	105	207	100	205	30	90	120	30	3	3	40	6	20	6	1194	8					
St. Lawrence	21	88	-	1	1	1	1	3000	1	1000	50	300	1000	41	20	5	25	2	1	2	-	2	-	707	1						
Waterbury	6	47	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	128	-							
Wessington and Miller	14	102	1	-	1	-	2	3500	-	500	75	1200	50	20	-	20	3	-	1	-	6	1	1	753	-						
Wessington Springs	53	63	2	-	12	-	1	2000	-	9	133	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	409	3							
Winthrop	19	69	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	10	-	10	-	-	-	3	-	-	316	1						
Wolsey	6	55	1	-	7	2	1	2200	1	500	109	45	750	25	10	5	15	2	-	2	5	6	-	424	1						
TOTALS		378	190	8	19	26	85	135	19	58400	8	5300	3955	1717	133	13	1416	363	210	573	156	26	15	139	31	181	14	111	1	10,891	43

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria	6	46	-	-	3	2	1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 300	\$ 110	\$ 400	\$ 59	\$ 20	\$ 4	\$ 24	\$ 10	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 4	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	457	\$ 2	\$ -			
Armour	2	61	2	-	1	10	1	1855	-	-	150	-	30	30	18	4	22	1	1	1	1	6	1	-	336	1				
Artesian	18	59	1	-	1	4	2	3900	-	-	15	950	35	10	-	10	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	348	1					
Bijou Hills	27	83	1	1	28	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	4	24	10	2	1	3	-	18	1	1	305	1				
Bridgewater	22	68	1	1	6	1	1	2500	-	-	70	-	1250	40	15	2	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	392	2	3			
Carthage	10	60	-	1	-	1	1	2000	-	-	-	-	250	6	-	16	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	280	1				
Chamberlain	13	35	-	-	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	15	3	18	5	1	1	3	-	13	1	-	423	2				
Delmont	-	60	-	2	2	3	1	1200	-	-	-	-	267	15	23	1	24	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	232	2				
Edgerton	12	75	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	24	1	25	7	1	1	3	-	5	-	-	468	1				
Ethan and Parkston	41	99	3	6	2	24	2	3000	-	-	70	125	1430	100	18	9	27	10	1	1	5	-	1	-	392	2	10			
Fulton	8	133	-	2	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	15	35	6	2	2	6	6	20	1	-	490	4				
Howard	4	40	1	1	9	1	1	3000	1	450	-	120	425	80	5	13	18	10	1	1	8	5	14	1	-	539	-			
Kimball	20	58	-	1	10	3	1	2000	1	900	700	185	675	75	28	6	34	10	1	1	7	4	20	1	-	686	1			
Mitchell	12	150	4	-	5	4	1	7000	-	-	100	-	750	150	80	20	100	3	-	3	-	29	-	73	-	1100	4	50		
Mitchell Circuit	4	15	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	140	-					
Mount Vernon	7	68	1	-	5	-	1	3000	1	800	130	100	920	30	12	2	14	1	1	2	-	2	15	-	462	3				
Plankinton	18	100	1	1	-	1	1	3000	-	-	-	300	800	125	20	20	40	4	2	2	4	-	3	-	712	3				
Salem	5	54	1	-	1	-	1	1500	1	300	116	-	600	30	6	-	6	2	1	1	-	8	-	313	1	105				
Scotland	22	107	1	2	8	20	1	2600	1	600	124	132	446	79	36	4	40	10	1	1	2	6	18	1	16	803	2			
Springfield	35	55	1	-	3	23	3	4800	-	-	200	-	1300	5	-	5	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	422	-					
Tyndall	20	61	1	-	1	-	2	2500	1	790	83	67	325	59	10	1	11	4	-	1	-	-	-	392	1					
White Lake	2	54	1	2	1	1	1	2500	-	-	-	190	1250	60	5	-	5	1	1	1	-	8	-	496	-					
Woonsocket	2	73	-	1	1	1	1	2500	1	250	-	-	-	75	10	20	30	3	1	1	2	1	8	-	658	2				
TOTALS		310	1614	20	21	94	159	23	50855	8	4390	1743	1344	12068	1134	406	130	536	106	20	19	56	25	195	10	92	2	10866	36	168

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

*Rev. and Mrs. L. Hartsough have given \$500 of this as an Endowment Fund the interest of which is to secure the education of colored youth for the ministry.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT

Arlington	20	59	1	12	5	1	\$ 2000	\$	\$	\$ 60	\$	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 10	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 10	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 506	\$	\$ 3			
Big Stone City	14	45	-	-	17	2	4500	-	-	74	160	1900	110	25	-	25	10	1	-	3	-	9	-	415	-				
Bristol	7	45	-	-	1	-	2000	-	-	10	102	800	25	23	2	25	10	1	1	3	4	10	1	511	2				
Bradley	4	60	-	4	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	3	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	300	-				
Brookings	18	97	1	1	3	4	1	2500	1	1000	-	-	1300	250	50	20	50	15	1	1	6	6	5	1	1	1	912	2	20
Clear Lake	8	19	-	-	-	1	2400	-	-	-	-	75	565	31	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	290	-			
Clark	40	120	-	S	7	39	1	2500	-	-	-	-	57	25	110	25	-	25	12	1	1	2	2	13	1	-	916	2	
Clark Circuit	23	26	1	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	213	1		
De Smet	16	50	-	-	1	2	1	2000	1	600	-	-	-	25	-	25	3	1	1	3	-	3	1	-	515	1			
Elkton	26	65	-	7	1	30	2	2500	-	-	1200	-	15	15	-	15	1	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	643	2			

Gary and Canby.....	40	108	2	1	4	15	2	5000	1	850	20	90	1200	60	27	8	35	8	2	2	3	4	5	1	697	2	---		
Henry.....	6	103	2	-	5	19	2	3335	1	500	1375	-	400	62	27	27	27	10	2	1	7	-	6	-	689	3	---		
Lake Preston.....	1	23	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	3	---		
Madison.....	25	80	1	-	4	6	1	3400	1	1600	240	1000	1500	140	40	10	50	20	1	2	10	-	15	1	25	1	965	5	150
Midway.....	20	63	2	-	5	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	15	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	313	-	---			
Kampeska.....	29	87	-	7	2	1	1800	-	-	20	-	-	-	30	34	5	39	12	1	1	9	5	19	2	-	852	5	150	
Milbank.....	11	85	-	1	2	24	1	9500	-	-	76	217	500	150	23	17	40	10	1	1	4	10	30	3	-	1300	4	200	
Twin Brooks.....	13	81	-	-	-	2	3000	-	-	-	-	900	16	10	2	12	2	-	-	1	-	2	-	233	-	---			
Willow Lakes.....	14	46	-	1	-	-	-	1	175	50	-	125	-	15	-	15	3	-	4	-	5	1	1	1	101	-	---		
Watertown.....	10	260	2	3	5	10	1	15000	1	2000	2800	-	5000	400	80	-	80	10	1	1	10	-	31	-	27	1528	6	300	
Waverly.....	14	80	-	4	-	12	1	1500	-	-	5	50	500	20	25	-	25	3	1	1	2	-	2	1	1	434	1	---	
Webster.....	10	69	1	-	-	1	1	4000	-	-	-	-	1000	115	30	-	30	-	1	1	3	-	10	1	1	766	1	---	
White.....	-	152	1	-	2	45	1	2500	-	-	25	100	500	50	20	5	25	7	1	1	2	-	5	-	2	644	1	50	
Wilmot.....	8	58	2	1	-	1	1	3000	1	300	-	100	1450	20	11	4	15	3	1	1	2	-	5	-	-	497	1	---	
TOTALS.....	377	1813	17	30	67	267	24	72435	8	7025	5945	2951	18665	1695	528	100	628	150	19	18	79	29	195	15	59	6	14440	42	870

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

These hints are mainly taken from one of the strongest Conferences in the connection. They certainly commend themselves to this Conference of rising young men who desire to become *model* members and workers.

1.—Prepare *all* reports with *black ink*—penmanship *fair*—figures *distinct* and manuscript free from blotches and slovenly erasures, even if you have to copy many times.

2.—If you cannot be at opening session of Conference, be sure to forward them in advance to your Presiding Elder to the Seat of Conference.

3.—Make each collection *even dollars*. Report *no cents*.

4.—Conference Committees should write out Reports and Resolutions in ink, on whole sheets of paper—use *no scraps*. Surely these, your best thoughts, deserve a decent record.

STATISTICS NO. 2, ABERDEEN DISTRICT, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT									
		Claims, H. R. and value		Parsonages, value		Receipts in H. R., value Parsonages,		P. E.		Bis'ps	
		Pastors	Apportioned	Deficiencies	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned
Aberdeen	W. H. Selleck	\$ 1200	\$ 1200	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 15	\$ 14	\$ 5	\$ 4		
Andover											
Ashton	O. A. Phillips	600	400	200	52	52	3	3	2		
Athol	W. W. Brown	410	250	160	32	29	4	1	2		
Bangor											
Bath	L. W. Ray	600	640	--	50	50	1	3	3		
Britton	David Gostelow	700	250	250	50	45	6	2	2		
Campbell County	L. F. Beach	100									
Clairemont & Detroit	W. H. Irvine	675	675	--	18	48	6	6	2		
Columbia & Ordway	T. Simmons	750	765	--	50	50	3	4	3		
Coral Circuit	George F. Bieber	580	521	59	30	30	4	4	1		
Doland & Frankfort	W. H. Cory	550	550	--	48	48	5	3	2		
Ellendale	G. D. Cleworth	860	625	235	56	56	3	3	3		
Frederick	F. T. Nicholls	600	152	148	36	36	5	1	2		
Groton	T. S. Fowler	600	515	85	50	41	1	1			
Ipswich	S. C. Leavell	750	800	--	50	50	2	2	2		
Langford	C. F. Luce	225	225	--	32	32	--	1	1		
Leota	G. W. Hickman	300	300	--	16	19	2	1	2		
Ludden	E. Vaughn	550	450	100	44	40	1	1	3		
Millard	J. S. Akers	250	102	148	16	8	--				
Newark	T. H. Trevithick	500	400	100	40	40	1	1	1		
Northville & Mellette	A. E. Burrows	750	713	37	48	51	4	4	3		
Putney	J. E. Gamble	325	325	--	30	25	2	2	1		
Roanoke & Devoe	E. O. Billock	450	321	129	32	29	4	1	2		
Roscoe & Bowdle	J. H. Harrington	400	400	--	32	32	--				
Warner	C. B. Warren	500	400	100	32	32	--				
Westport	W. D. Deeble	520	450	70	32	32	5	2	2		
Totals		13735	12079	1877	1006	975	74	57	42	39	

STATISTICS NO. 2—HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena	W. H. Underwood	\$ *4\$5	\$ 470	\$ 15	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 6	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 1	
Blunt	J. F. Davis	350	350	--	32	32	4	5	2	2	
Burkinere	J. E. Herrington	235	205	30	9	7	1	1	2	1	
Cavour	T. J. Elkin	550	384	164	50	37	7	7			
Faulkton	W. J. Hyde	700	575	125	60	55	9	6			
Gettysburg	A. E. Tanner	*550	511	39	60	48	2	1	2	2	
Hand Circuit	E. S. Chappell	400	425	--	40	40	2	2	4	4	
Highmore	J. G. Palmer	*600	306	294	40	19	5				

STATISTICS NO. 3, ABERDEEN DISTRICT, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.									
		No. of Schools		No. of Officers and Teachers		No. of Scholars of all ages		Scholars in Infant Class		Av. Att'ce Tr's and Scholars	
		No. of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	Scholars in Infant Class	Av. Att'ce Tr's and Scholars	No. of Books in Library	Off'r's and Tr's C'h Mem or Pro	Scholars C'h Mem or Pro	Conversions in S. S. this year.		
Aberdeen		1	14	225	60	150	225	\$178 00	14	50	10
Andover		2	20	85	--						
Ashton		1	10	60	--						
Athol		2	7	70	20	60	20 00	7	40	10	
Bangor		1	4	15	--						
Bath		2	16	80	25	70	125	100 00	15	65	4
Britton		1	11	45	15	40	--	25 00	3	15	3
Campbell County		1	7	16	--	12	60	5 00	7	16	
Claremont		2	11	120	20	131	--	35 00	10	85	25
Columbia & Ordway		1	15	80	12	65	50	62 00	15	51	45
Coral		1	9	30	15	25	--	20 00	6	10	
Doland		2	20	140	25	100	400	75 00	19	60	20
Ellendale		1	10	95	25	70	90	60 00	9	25	17
Frederick		1	9	60	25	44	86	38 00	5		
Groton		2	14	100	40	75	--	36 00	12	8	
Ipswich		4	41	155	65	92	--	73 00	37	68	8
Langford		1	7	52	18	50	--	25 00	7	20	
Ludden		3	13	100	15	90	50	40 00	10		4
Millard		2	7	35	16	--			7		
Newark		5	32	150	40	100	--	35 00	20	40	15
Northville & Mellette		4	36	224	59	165	95	60 00	34	82	40
Putney		2	10	36	10	25	--	25 00	9	5	
Devoe & Roanoke		4	36	155	47	104	30	40 00	39	60	20
Roscoe & Bowdle		4	20	84	20	60	70	--	20	19	2
Warner		5	25	100	--	82	--		65	12	8
Westport		3	19	140	40	110	200	15 00	18	50	10
Totals		58	423	2452	612	1726	1481	967 00	384	781	241

STATISTICS NO. 3—HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena		3	13	76	42	65	\$ 68	\$ 36 00	11	10	
Blunt		3	20	130	25	84	136	45 60	18	30	16
Burkinere		2	9	60	--	75	--		7	30	19
Cavour		3	20	118	45	15	150	21 00	18	40	
Faulkton		2	12	60	20	50	--	40 00	12	35	36
Gettysburg		2	15	60	12	60	50	15 00	15	20	6
Hand County		6	49	151	40	166	150	82 00	49	76	
Highmore		1	8	87	23	61	230	24 00	8	3	

Highmore Circuit	J. R. Gowdy	*250	115	135	25	23	-	-	-	-	-
Hitchcock	R. C. Opie	*700	755	-	60	60	9	9	5	5	5
Huron	H. H. Dresser	*1380	1350	-	120	120	18	18	10	10	-
Iroquois	W. H. Matson	*800	450	350	70	31	-	-	-	-	-
Onida	J. D. Allison	200	125	75	20	20	-	2	-	1	-
Pierre	I. C. Phifer	400	400	-	40	45	2	2	3	3	3
Redfield	Jas. Rowe	*1100	1100	-	80	80	14	14	5	5	8
St. Lawrence	Edwin Craven	*750	600	150	60	55	2	2	3	1	-
Waterbury	W. Z. Nichols	250	115	135	26	13	-	-	-	-	-
Wessington & Miller	L. G. Fourier	850	700	150	52	51	-	1	-	-	-
Wessington Springs	Chas. Vessey	400	356	34	40	40	6	3	3	3	3
Winthrop	A. D. Smith	400	275	125	40	40	6	1	4	1	-
Wolsey	A. Matson	*500	390	110	32	31	4	3	-	1	-
TOTALS			11850	9997	1931	996	888	97	67	52	43

STATISTICS NO. 2—MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria	T. H. Youngman	\$ 430	\$ 419	\$ 17	\$ 40	\$ 36	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2
Arnour	W. M. Welch	450	300	150	55	55	-	1	-	1	-
Artesian	S. F. Cushman	400	308	92	44	40	-	-	-	-	-
Bijou Hills	A. P. James	300	260	40	44	44	1	1	1	1	-
Bridgewater	Wm. Pagenhart	*450	350	100	48	40	-	-	5	2	-
Carthage	A. B. Smart	494	250	244	42	29	2	1	-	1	-
Chamberlain	I. A. Sparks	400	386	14	36	30	1	1	2	2	-
Delmont	T. H. Hendricks	300	188	112	44	44	-	-	2	-	-
Edgerton	Abel H. Colton	425	425	-	42	42	1	1	1	1	-
Ethan and Parkston	F. A. La Violette	400	338	62	52	52	2	2	2	2	-
Fulton	E. W. Sage	500	440	60	48	48	2	2	4	4	-
Howard	A. R. Boggs	*600	500	100	44	38	-	1	-	-	-
Kimball	C. H. Smith	*640	640	-	44	45	1	1	1	1	-
Mitchell	H. E. Wyckoff	1000	1000	-	90	90	2	5	3	4	-
Mitchell Circuit	H. T. Curl	-	115	-	24	20	2	2	3	3	-
Mount Vernon	W. F. Minty	-	420	-	44	40	-	-	-	-	-
Plankinton	S. Washburn	700	650	50	60	60	-	2	-	3	-
Salem	L. B. Wiles	*400	280	120	42	33	2	0	3	1	-
Scotland	L. W. Miller	*800	741	59	60	60	2	2	2	2	-
Springfield	C. M. Arthur	500	385	115	40	34	2	1	5	-	-
Tyndall	G. J. Corwin	*600	360	240	44	30	2	1	2	1	-
White Lake	W. Underwood	455	455	-	45	40	2	1	-	1	-
Woonsocket	J. G. Hall	*900	600	300	60	55	-	3	-	2	-
Totals			11050	9810	1875	1092	1011	26	30	36	37

Highmore Circuit		3	10	50	20	40	-	-	12	00	\$ 35	-	
Hitchcock		4	20	135	30	100	250	75	00	20	100	30	
Huron		1	27	176	35	165	237	100	00	27	100	4	
Iroquois		2	25	141	25	130	50	50	00	14	75	10	
Onida		2	6	25	8	25	-	-	-	5	10	-	
Pierre		2	14	115	20	78	250	78	00	14	56	4	
Redfield		1	14	240	50	108	156	80	00	75	61	10	
St. Lawrence		1	7	69	10	39	90	28	00	6	16	6	
Waterbury		1	8	37	6	25	120	12	00	8	17	8	
Wessington & Miller		2	19	81	25	75	54	40	00	16	3	-	
Wessington Springs		3	24	145	35	115	30	38	00	18	53	15	
Winthrop		4	20	105	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	
Wolsey		2	14	62	28	58	-	-	18	00	14	9	
TOTALS			50	354	2123	499	1534	2021	794	00	379	779	166

STATISTICS NO. 3—MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria		2	10	125	24	65	200	\$ 30	00	9	15	3
Armour		2	13	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Artisan		2	16	110	20	54	100	25	00	16	50	10
Bijou Hills		3	25	165	25	152	15	45	00	25	25	-
Bridgewater		2	15	90	58	90	50	20	00	15	10	-
Carthage		1	10	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chamberlain		2	20	100	20	75	100	60	00	12	30	6
Delmont		1	6	30	10	20	50	12	00	4	20	-
Edgerton		5	27	200	40	122	105	28	50	14	22	-
Ethan and Parkston		2	20	152	22	109	200	25	00	20	48	22
Fulton		3	27	170	34	125	500	45	00	24	110	25
Howard		1	15	100	25	45	-	-	25	00	15	10
Kimball		2	18	110	25	78	165	45	00	15	40	6
Mitchell		1	20	180	30	100	200	170	00	20	50	5
Mitchell Circuit		2	14	45	17	-	-	-	7	00	12	30
Mount Vernon		2	17	85	20	75	-	-	30	00	-	-
Plankinton		2	16	135	25	102	300	27	50	16	50	-
Salem		1	5	55	20	41	100	25	00	5	-	2
Scotland		2	25	154	25	96	50	28	00	25	77	45
Springfield		3	19	65	30	52	-	-	32	00	19	35
Tyndall		2	15	65	8	45	91	18	00	6	-	-
White Lake		3	22	117	27	78	-	-	14	00	13	43
Woonsocket		1	11	55	12	50	-	-	17	00	11	-
Total		47	386	2437	517	1574	2226	729	00	296	665	139

STATISTICS NO. 2, SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT									
		Pastors		P. E.		Bis'ps		C. Cl'ts			
		Claims, H. R. and value Parsonages.	Receipts in H. R., value Parsonages.	Deficiencies	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	
Alcester	S. D. McUmber	\$ 340	\$ 154	\$ 186	\$ 28	\$ 17	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 6		
Beresford	O. A. Harpel	*500	*500		42	42		2		2	
Centreville	S. A. French	*720	*625	95	40	40	1	1	2		
Canton	A. Jamieson	*800	*725	75	64	64	5	5	4		
Dell Rapids	J. P. Jenkins	*900	*900		56	56	3	3	5		
Egan	A. D. Dexter				20	17					
Elk Point	D. Rifenbark	*635	*635		56	50	8	2	10	4	
Elk Point Circuit	S. Keister	200	145	55	20	15	1	1	1	1	
Flandrau	A. D. Dexter	390	390		36	36		1		2	
Gayville	L. H. Huckins	225	178	47	30	23	2		2		
Hartford	T. Carson	*500	*420	80	50	38	5	2	3	1	
Hurley	S. G. Jones	200	200		32	24					
Lennox	M. E. Nickerson	*505	*505		44	44	2	2	1	1	
Lodi	J. E. Norvell	*516	*419	97	50	50		1		1	
Montrose	W. T. Wilson	400	300	100	44	43		1		4	
Parker	T. H. Walker	800	471	329	50	50	3	3	2	2	
Prospect	W. O. Redfield	536	388	148	50	50	7	5	8	1	
Richland	D. Rifenbark		111			13				1	
Sionx Falls	F. M. Robertson	*1300	1300		90	90	10	10	15	15	
Sioux Falls Circuit	C. S. Moore	400	150	250	32	23					
Vermillion	J. C. Shelland	1100	1080	20	60	56				1	
Yankton	F. A. Burdick	900	900		80	80		2		2	
Total		11867	10496	1523	974	921	38	41	42	49	

STATISTICS NO. 2—WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Arlington	W. C. Sage	\$ 600	\$ 460	\$ 140	\$ 50	\$ 44	2	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 3	
Big Stone City	S. D. Robinson	440	360	50	50	5	5	5			
Bristol	S. P. Brokaw	600	477	123	32	30	4	4	2	2	
Bradley	Win. Colvin	300	270	30		28		2			
Brookings	O. H. Sproul	\$50	\$50		60	60	2	2	2	2	
Clear Lake	C. W. East	270		20	20	20					
Clark	Thos. Haubly	900	850	50	60	60	6	6		2	
Clark Circuit	J. Trewartha	450	200	250	24	12	3	1	2	1	
DeSmet	Albert Fowler	500	500		44	44	2	2	1	1	
Elkton	F. E. Leazer	700	600	100	40	40	3	3	2	2	
Gary and Canby	F. H. Wheeler	650	655		40	40	3	2	2	2	
Henry	R. C. StClair	625	625		60	60	4	4	3	3	

STATISTICS NO. 3, SIOUX FALLS DIS'T, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1889.

NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.									
	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers			No. Scholars of all ages	Scholars in Infant Class	Av. Att'e Tr's and Scholars	No. of Books in Library	Expenses of Sch'l's this year	Off'r's and Tr's Ch Mem or Prog Sch'l's this year
		Ch	Mem	or Prog						
Alcester	3	21	100	24					\$ 13	19
Beresford	4	40	225	25	175	120	50	00	26	125
Centreville	1	11	80	16	14	200	35	00	10	60
Canton	3	24	157			150	77	00	24	
Dell Rapids	2	21	153	19	112	100	71	00	19	81
Egan	1	9	35	12	10	100	44	00	6	3
Elk Point	1	10	125	50	75	75	40	00	8	125
Elk Point Circuit	1	8	50	20	25		16	00	7	6
Flandrau	1	7	50			30				
Gayville	1	5	40	10	45				5	25
Hartford	3	14	99	18	73	20	18	00	12	40
Hurley	1	8	35	30		5	5	00	4	
Lennox	2	16	100	20	75		30	00	15	18
Lodi	5	40	223	79	137	50	58	00	60	40
Montrose	2	12	50		35		18	00	10	30
Parker	2	16	60	10	50		15	00	16	25
Prospect	1	12	63	20	75	150	14	00	12	32
Richland										
Sioux Falls	1	21	165	40	102		55	00	20	50
Sioux Falls Circuit	3	15	65				37	00		
Vermillion	3	18	240	50					16	52
Yankton	1	23	125	20	83	175	86	00	22	50
Total	42	351	2237	463	1116	1070	669	00	305	674
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STATISTICS NO. 3—WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Big Stone City	2	14	115	25	79		\$ 42	00	9	27	
Bristol	3	23	95	25	65	500	28	00	14	31	3
Bradley	1	5	25	6	25		0	00	5	7	3
Brookings	1	18	100	27	79		125	00	15	50	5
Clear Lake	2	12	60	30	50	125	21	00	5	20	
Clark	3	25	217	65	111		60	00	24	125	105
Clark Circuit	4	25	140	35	100	40	22	00	10	44	12
Elkton	5	30	300	75	245	100	125	00	27	91	
Gary and Canby	2	16	100	15	90	50	40	00	15	50	15
Henry	2	18	88	17	70	100	30	00	18	60	25

Kampeska	H. M. Springer	800	800	-	50	50	2	2	-	5
Lake Preston	Albert S. Mason	162	148	14	12	12	-	-	-	-
Madison	C. E. Hager	900	900	-	60	60	5	5	-	5
Midway	J. B. Dibble	-	282	-	30	30	2	1	-	-
Milbank	W. H. Jordan	1216	1216	-	80	80	4	4	4	4
Twin Brooks	E. S. Ireland	-	200	-	32	32	3	1	-	-
Willow Lakes	V. W. McCallum	-	-	89	-	7	-	5	30	34
Watertown	E. E. Clough	1400	1400	-	120	120	-	8	-	6
Waverly	D. C. M. Lean	400	400	-	32	32	2	2	1	1
Webster	Jos. Mottershead	700	700	-	60	60	6	6	-	1
White	C. H. Botkin	700	600	100	40	42	4	4	-	1
Wilmot	T. A. Jones	400	400	-	32	30	5	5	-	1
Estelline	T. Sanderson	-	-	50	-	-	12	Three Mo's work	-	-
TOTALS		13293	13362	887	1028	1055	70	76	52	76

Estelline	'	1	6	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake Preston	-	1	8	54	19	28	-	13 00	4	2
Madison	-	1	18	120	25	75	-	55 00	18	75
Kampeska	-	1	9	40	11	31	-	10 00	4	27
Milbank	-	1	15	120	35	100	200	45 00	15	30
Twin Brooks	-	2	13	90	25	70	-	14 00	13	26
Willow Lakes	-	2	8	75	20	65	-	-	8	40
Watertown	-	2	23	230	50	170	250	200 00	23	50
Waverly	-	5	12	100	20	60	125	25 00	10	17
Webster	-	1	6	50	10	46	84	50 00	6	10
White	-	2	25	150	30	115	-	75 00	25	120
Wilmot	-	3	15	80	30	65	100	25 00	14	48
TOTALS	-	17	344	2364	595	912	1674	1011 00	282	950
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CONFERENCE RECORD AND ROLL, 1889.

NAME	BORN		Admitted into full connection		Came to Dakota Conference	POST OFFICE
	Where	When	Conference	When		
Adkinson A. W.	Indiana	1851	S. E. Indiana	1877	Charter	Mitchell
Akers J. S.	Illinois	....	Illinois	....	....	Northville
Boggs A. R.	Ohio	1835	Michigan	1870	Charter	Redfield
Botkins Chas. H.	Illinois	1854	Central Illinois	1881	1886	White
Bradford Lewis	New York	1842	Mississippi	1875	Charter	Huron
Brown S. F.	Pennsyl'nia	1825	Wyoming	1866	Charter	Bangor
Brown Wm. W.	Ontario	1864	Dakota	1889	1889	Corl
Brokaw S. P.	Indiana	1851	Georgia	1880	1887	Bristol
Brush Wm.	Connecticut	1825	New York	1853	1886	Mitchell
Bullock Edward O.	Wisconsin	1860	Dakota	1888	1888	Newark
Burdick F. A.	Ontario	1852	N. W. Iowa	1879	Charter	Aberdeen
Burrows A. E.	Ontario	1861	Dakota	1886	1886	Britton
Carson Thos.	Scotland	1860	Dakota	1889	1889	Alpena
Chamberlin D. W.	....	....	N. W. Iowa	....	Charter	Scotland
Clark C. B.	New York	1839	Iowa	1864	1885	Mitchell
Cleworth Gilbert D.	Canada	1865	Dakota	1887	1887	Vermillion
Corwin G. J.	New York	1842	Dakota	1886	1886	Carthage
Clough E. E.	New York	1840	W. Wisconsin	1870	1887	Yankton
Curl H. T.	Indiana	1840	Des Moines	1877	1884	Mitchell
Deeble Wm. D.	England	1838	Dakota	1888	1888	Langford
Dexter A. D.	Maine	....	Maine	....	....	Sioux Falls
Donoughue Timothy	Ontario	1860	Bay of Quinte	1884	1886	China
Dresser H. H.	New Jersey	1838	Wyoming	1866	1887	Huron
Fielder Wm.	England	1852	N. W. Iowa	1880	Charter	Huron
French Silas A.	Vermont	1819	Dakota	1887	1887	Centreville
Fourier Luctus G.	Canada	1853	Dakota	1887	1887	Evanston, Ill.
Gerrish T.	Maine	....	Maine	....	....	Portland, Me
Gostelow David.	England	1832	Wesleyan M.	1854	1887	Gordon
Hager C. E.	New York	1852	Upper Iowa	1878	Charter	Madison
Hall J. G.	Pennsyl'nia	1852	Ohio	1879	1886	Mt. Vernon
Hambly Thos.	Ontario	1856	Dakota	1887	1887	Clark
Hammond Phil. K.	....	....	....	....	....	Evanston, Ill
Hanscome L. L.	Maine	....	Maine	....	1889	Sioux Falls
Hartsough Lewis	New York	1828	Oneida	1854	Charter	Sioux Falls
Hyde Wm. J.	Ontario	1863	Dakota	1888	1888	St. Lawrence
Irwin Wm. H.	Ontario	1863	Dakota	1888	1888	Claremont
Jamieson A.	Ontario	1837	N. W. Iowa	1875	Charter	Canton
Jenkins J. P.	Mass.	1860	Dakota	1887	1887	Dell Rapids
Jones Thos. A.	Ontario	1861	Dakota	1889	1889	Elkton
Jordan Wm. H.	Mass.	1857	Dakota	1887	1887	Sioux Falls
Leavell Chas. L.	Indiana	....	Dakota	1888	1888	Ipswich
Leazer Fred E.	Vermont	1859	Dakota	1888	1888	Aurora
Lock Hosea.	Canada	1832	Niagara	1860	1886	Flandreau
Matson Wm. H.	Ohio	1846	Dakota	1887	1887	De Smet
Miller L. W.	Ohio	1854	N. W. Iowa	1882	Charter	Scotland
Minty W. F.	England	1844	Rock River	1877	Charter	Tyndall
Murray O. E.	England	1859	Protest Meth.	1877	1886	Evanston, Ill.
Nicholls Francis T.	England	1858	Dakota	1889	1889	Evanston, Ill.
Nickerson M. E.	Illinois	1850	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Beresford
Norvill J. E.	Iowa	1859	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Lennox
Opie R. C.	England	1853	Dakota	1889	1889	Hitchcock
Phillips O. A.	Vermont	1837	United Breth:	1863	Charter	Henry
Rifenbark D.	New York	1849	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Elk Point
Robertson F. M.	Iowa	....	Upper Iowa	....	1886	Fayette, Iowa
Rowe Jas.	England	1860	Minnesota	1885	Charter	Evanston, Ill.
Sage E. W.	Ontario	1843	Des Moines	1873	Charter	Mitchell
Sage Wm. C.	Ontario	1861	Dakota	1889	Charter	Arlington
Selleck W. H.	New York	1859	Dakota	1885	Charter	Aberdeen
Simmons Thos.	Ohio	1849	Upper Iowa	1875	Charter	Columbia
Shelland J. C.	New York	1846	Wyoming	1874	Charter	Milbank
Smith Ches. H.	Wisconsin	1858	Dakota	1888	Charter	Plankinton
Springer H. M.	Illinois	1842	W. Wisconsin	1864	Charter	Hazel
Sproul O. H.	....	....	Upper Iowa	....	Charter	Brookings
St. Clair B. C.	Illinois	1841	Illinois	1872	1887	Gary
Tanner Almon E.	....	....	Rock River	1885	1885	Wolsey
Traveller A. D.	Ontario	1839	Bay of Quinte	1862	Charter	Watertown
Trewartha James	England	1845	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Clark
Underwood Wm.	Ohio	1832	Rock River	1855	1887	White Lake
Vaughn Edward.	Ontario	1860	Dakota	1889	1889	Westport
Walker T. H.	Ontario	1836	Can. Wesleyan	1864	Charter	Parker
Washburn L.	New York	1830	Rock River	1863	1887	Howard
Wheeler F. H.	New Hamp	1852	Dakota	1888	1888	Brookings
Wiles L. B.	Ohio	1858	N. W. Iowa	1884	Charter	Faulkton
Wyckoff Hardy E.	Iowa	1856	Iowa	1879	1888	Kimball

IN MEMORIAM.

During the past year our Conference has suffered the loss of two faithful and beloved servants of God.

Charles B. Gilbert was born in the township of Sidney in the county of Hastings, province of Ontario, Canada, June 9, 1865. He was a faithful, devoted and successful minister of Christ, and gave great promise of a bright and prosperous future. Though a probationer in the Conference his work and ministry were of the highest order and he was dearly beloved of his people. Through over work and exposure in difficult fields of labor his health broke down and last spring, with the coming of the flowers his spirit went to its eternal reward.

Stanley S. Smith, was another of those young heroes who went forth with the motto "Dakota for Christ." Of humble but honest parentage, he early turned his steps into the "paths of righteousness" and devoted his life to the work of the Master. On February 14 last, while his wife and others stood around his bedside, he repeated the Lord's Prayer, then, like a warrior, whose work is finished he exclaimed "Thy will be done," and unseen angels bore his spirit to their home above. His labors over, he rests now in triumph.

Two of our worthy and devoted sisters have also fallen at their post, faithful as Mary of old.

Sister Lizzie Couch Fowler died at Groton, Dak., of malignant cancer, January 25, 1889. She was the child of religious parents. At the age of ten years she gave her young heart to God and united with the First M. E. church of her native city, Peoria, Ill. Thirteen years have passed since she was married to her now stricken husband and for these thirteen years she has wrought well as a faithful and consistent participant in the trials and varied activities of the itinerancy. Her life was a benediction and her death a victory.

Sister Edith P. Rowe, wife of Rev. James Rowe was born in Cornwall, England, August 26, 1858. She came to America in May 1884, and upon her arrival at Gary, Dak., she joined her life and labors with him who is now passing through the deep waters of affliction. Sister Rowe was of a retiring disposition, but one who grew in favor upon acquaintance. She was a consecrated christain woman, a patern of a mother and as devoted a wife as ever graced a home. September 27, 1889 she passed from her labors and now awaits on the farther shore the companion and three little ones who are left sorrowing here.

NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.	Time of Death.	Age	Yrs. in Min.	Conference Relations.
John M. Rust.....	Vermillion, Dakota.....	1871	41	15	Effective.
Thos. M. Williams.....	Bridgewater, Dakota.....	1882	50	24	"
Wm. H. Hoadley.....	Huron, Dakota.....	1886	41	16	Supernumerary,
T. S. Hunt	Aurora, Indiana.....	1887	57	16	Effective.
Wm. H. Affleck.....	Leeds, England.....	1887	76		
Wm. Vivian.....	San Fernando.....	1888	45	8	Supernumerary.

MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT—\$2,590.

District.....	\$ 400	Frederick	\$ 100
Andover	100	Groton and Putney.....	120
Ashton and Athol.....	100	Hecla	80
Bangor.....	150	Ipswich	100
Bath	60	Langford.....	100
Britton	100	Leola	100
Claremont.....	80	Ludden	100
Columbia and Ordway.....	100	Newark	100
Coral.....	50	Northville and Mellette	60
DeVoe and Ronoake.....	80	Roscoe	100
Dolan and Frankfort.....	100	Warner	100
Ellendale.....	60	Westport.....	100
Eureka and Mound City.....	50		

HURON DISTRICT—\$2,950.

District.....	\$ 450	Hitchcock.....	\$ 50
Alpena	150	Iroquois.....	200
Blunt	150	Miller	150
Burkmere	100	Onida	150
Cavour	100	St. Lawrence	150
De Smet.....	100	Waterbury	150
Faulkton.....	200	Wessington Springs.....	150
Gettysburg and Forest City.....	100	Wessington and Woolsey.....	100
Hand Circuit.....	150	Winthrop	150
Highmore.....	200		

MITCHELL DISTRICT—\$2,350

District.....	\$ 450	Fulton	\$ 100
Armour	140	Howard	145
Bridgewater	100	Mt. Vernon	175
Bijou Hills.....	100	Plankinton	160
Chamberlain	100	Kimball	160
Delment	100	Springfield	140
Artesian and Carthage	100	White Lake	145
Edgerton	100	Woonsocket	25
Ethan and Parkston	100	Mitchell Circuit.....	10

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—\$2,300.

District.....	\$ 330	Hurley	\$ 100
Alcester	20	Lodi	60
Beresford	60	Lennox	60
Canton	180	Salem and Montrose	140
Centerville	180	Parker	180
Elk Point	130	Prospect	40
Elk Point Circuit.....	80	Sioux Falls East	20
Flandrau	120	Sioux Falls Circuit	120
Gayville	80	Vermillion	140
Hartford	160	Yankton	100

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—\$2,560

District.....	\$ 450	Henry	\$ 50
Aurora and Midway	100	Kampeska	100
Arlington	100	Lake Preston	100
Big Stone	100	Madison	100
Bradley	100	Twin Brooks	50
Bristol	100	Waverly	125
Brookings	100	Webster	95
Clark Circuit	100	White	100
Clear Lake	100	Willow Lake	125
Elkton	100	Wilmet	115
Esteline and Oakwood	100	Rounonia	25
Gary	100	Waughbay	25

REPORTS.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE. (A.)

The Bible Sabbath is among the oldest divinely enjoined recognitions of God's authority over human action.

Its observance was evidently designed, in the midst of the manifold and exhaustive labors of life to counteract the tendency, everywhere prevalent, toward early mental and physical decay, and at the same time to arouse into helpful development the spiritual nature of mankind.

It is the one observance that is incapable of essential modification under all dispensations. The law of the Sabbath belongs to the life of the race.

We declare, therefore, as our conviction that all people, and the laws and habits of all people in order, to the promotion of the highest type of social and national life must bow to its authority and conform to its requirements.

We as Christian ministers can never consistently, assume any other attitude toward the widespread and alarming neglect of Sabbath observance than that of uncompromising hostility.

We will therefore avoid so far as is possible all Sunday travel that must involve secular labor on the part of others.

We will enjoin upon our people by precept and example that they refrain from all devotion to the pursuit of pleasure, and to the labors of business on the Lord's day.

We will preach faithfully on the subject of the Sabbath, enforcing its authority, and explaining its requirements.

We depurate, the fact of the transmission and distributions of the mails on the Sabbath, requiring the running of Sunday trains on our great railroad lines as the one agency more than any other that drags in the care and drudgery of commercial greed and the dissipating literature of the Sunday paper to disturb the solemnities of the day of rest.

We congratulate ourselves that we have as auxilliary an outspoken Methodist press that speaks with no faltering voice on this as well as on all topics vital to the good order and well-being of society.

We earnestly pray the great head of the church that he so lay his restraining hand upon the minds and hearts of men that law and usage shall speedily emancipate us on the one hand from the present unhallowed desecration on the Lord's day and on the other shall bind us in the righteous thrall of a thoroughly Christian conscience on the subject. Signed,

THOMAS HAMBLY, O. A. PHILLIPS, S. WASHBURN.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION. (B.)

We recognize the illiteracy in the southern states, both among the white and the colored people as a menace to the Republic. Popular government is unsafe where a majority of the voters are unable to read.

We believe it is our duty as citizens and Christians to study this question and make every effort to elevate the oppressed people of the south, intellectually, morally and spiritually.

We believe this duty falls heavily upon the Christian churches in the north. The Methodist Episcopal church, by virtue of the esteem in which it is held by the colored people and the loyal but poor whites of the south, seems to be especially called by Providence to do a large share of this work.

Resolved, That as a church we take pride in the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and endorse the able administration of the secretaries of this society.

That we recommend to our pastors and people the Christian Educator, the official organ of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

That we pledge ourselves, as ministers, to study the needs of our southern work, to represent them faithfully to our people, and to make earnest efforts to raise our full apportionment of \$900 for this cause.

S. A. FRENCH, L. W. MILLER, C. H. BODKEN, S. C. LEAVELL.

CHURCH LITERATURE. (C.)

Recognizing the great influence of our periodicals in stimulating our people in all phases of church work, we as a Conference, pledge our continued support of them.

And especially do we continue our hearty endorsement and support of the Northwestern Christian Advocate for its strong and rigorous position on the living question of the day, namely, constitutional prohibition.

We also rejoice in the successful efforts of our church in furnishing to our young people a paper of such excellent worth as Our Youth.

A. W. ADKINSON, Chairman.

F. S. FOWLER, Secretary.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. (D.)

WHEREAS, The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church is an important factor in the Foreign Mission field, and is accomplishing great work in Christianizing, and educating heathen women, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we as a Conference, earnestly recommend the organization of auxiliaries wherever practicable. We also recommend that ministers on the charges where there are no organizations, correspond with the Conference secretary, Mrs. I. M. Hartsough. We further recommend to all our people, the organ of the society, the Heathen Woman's Friend.

R. C. ST. CLAIR, C. H. SMITH, D. RIFENBARK, L. G. FOURIER.

Auxiliaries 23, members 441, Young Ladies' band 1, members 20, children's bands 6, members 236, life members 20, honorary managers 3, subscription Heathen Woman's Friend, 120, amount paid, \$795.50.

We have great reason to be thankful for the year's record. Our membership has increased also the number of subscribers to the Heathen Woman's Friend.

We have put nearly \$200 more into the treasury this year than last.

It is hoped that the charges in the Conference where there are no Auxiliaries will soon join in this grand work of woman's work for woman.

Responsibilities are upon us in this direction, that we have not assumed, and that we cannot lay aside. A higher than any earthly power created them and nothing less can remove them.

Some of the Auxiliaries and bands have done extremely well as will be seen by the statistical record. Let us all seek to do more this new year. I. M. HARTSOUGH, Conference Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Recognizing the important work that the Sunday-school Union is doing in helping schools in neglected portions of the country, and looking after the interest of the Sunday-school interests of our church in every way, therefore

Resolved, That we do everything in our power to promote the interests of the Sunday School Union, by taking collections and otherwise.

J. E. NORVELL, W. H. IRVIN, JOSEPH MOTTERSHEAD.

TRACT SOCIETY. (F.)

Knowing that our Tract Society is a potent helper of the pastor, that it often preceeds, and aids the missionary in his work, therefore

Resolved, That we faithfully present this cause before our people, and urge them to contribute for the furtherance of the gospel,

W. H. IRVIN, Chairman, J. E. NORVELL, JOSEPH MOTTERSHEAD.

CHURCH EXTENSION. (G.)

WHEREAS, The Church Extension Society has been one of the chief agents in laying the foundation of our young Conference, by her donations and loans to us, for the erection of churches on almost all our charges, and

WHEREAS, The opening of the Indian Reservations will undoubtedly require a large amount of assistance, for the erection of churches from the Church Extension Society, therefore

Resolved, That we give our earnest attention to our obligations to the Church Extension Society, first in paying the debts due on many of our charges to the society. Second, by seeing that our collections be taken as assessments as early and fully as possible and forwarded immediately to the society.

T. H. WALKER, A. E. BURROWS.

STATE OF THE CHURCH. (G.)

Recognizing the fact that the triumphs of the future depend largely upon the past and the present, we note with pleasure and with thankfulness to Almighty God the spiritual advances made during the year just closed. Never before has the Methodism of South Dakota had greater occasion for rejoicing. The faithful presentation of gospel truth has been blessed to the edification of the church and the conversion of very many precious souls. The spiritual triumphs of the year have been greater than those of any previous year in the history of Dakota Methodism.

We look hopefully to the future, believing that greater victories await us. Knowing that a spiritual church alone can give healthful tone to society and wage aggressive warfare against Satan's kingdom, we urge upon our people not only the possibility, but the importance of holy living in connection with earnest christian work.

Not only are we heartily in favor of carrying out prohibition to its ultimate, but we are also pleased to see reforms being pushed in other lines. We believe it the duty of every christian to favor all reforms which have their foundation in Christ's teachings and have for their object justice, equality and the uplift of man toward God. Bishop Vincent has given us another good motto, "Look up, and Lift up." It shall be ours.

In the matter of amusements we urge strict conformity to the teachings of our discipline.

In the interest of our young people we recommend the organization of Epworth Leagues wherever practicable.

That on account of the widening of the work in all parts of the Conference, and to the general lack of funds on the part of all of the people and the further fact that other denominations are each sending into the state from two and one-half to three times as much missionary money as is now being appropriated to this Conference, enabling them to push their work with ease while we are hampered, therefore

Resolved, That this Conference must have at least \$5,000 more money from our Missionary society for its work than is now appropriated or be crippled from the want of it.

E. W. SAGE, S. P. BROKAW, W. J. HYDE, T. SIMMONS.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Heartily endorsing the action which consolidated the various young people's societies in our church, and in order to assist and hasten the thorough and effecting reorganization of the Epworth League, we offer the following resolutions:

1. That we recommend the thorough organization of all our charges and Presiding Elder districts, auxiliary to the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church.
2. That we request the co-operation of all organizations of young people within our churches, thus securing their allegiance and giving them representation in our district and general Conference district deliberations, without at once separating them from their present obligations to other organizations.
3. That we request each Presiding Elder to act in conjunction with the members of the Conference committee from his own district and in effecting the early organization of a District League and to see to it that a district convention be arranged for so soon as practicable.
4. That we urgently request all our local organizations to make personal experience, practical spirituality, and the performance of christian duty the vital and pre-eminent center and aim in our organizations, and that, in doing this, pre-eminent and special use be made of the pledge requiring each, as far as practicable, to attend and take some part in each service, and more especially in the monthly association service.

We nominate the following as a Conference committee of which the first-named shall be chairman, he having been already appointed as a member of the General Conference District Organization:

C. E. Hager of Watertown District.

J. P. Jenkins of Sioux Falls District.

L. W. Miller of Mitchell District.

W. J. Hyde of Huron District.

W. H. Selleck of Aberdeen District,

The committee shall have in charge an Epworth League service in connection with the next session of the annual Conference.

W. H. SELLECK, Chairman, F. H. WHEELER, Sec., F. A. BURDICK, W. J. HYDE, C. H. SMITH,

REPORT ON PROHIBITION. (I.)

To the Dakota Conference: Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, The saloon has shown a spirit which is "evil and only evil and that continually," corrupting the voters, controlling caucuses and conventions in the interests of injustice and wrong, bribing witnesses, jurors and judges, intimidating and corrupting legislators and rulers and

WHEREAS, The spirit of the saloon is antagonistic to the truth, subversive of the purity of the home, the church, and the school, and destructive of the prosperity, good order and perpetuity of the nation, and

WHEREAS, it is the chief cause of crime and pauperism, therefore

Resolved, 1. That we hold the business of manufacturing and trafficking in intoxicating drinks to be an abomination in the sight of God, and that it should be prohibited by state and national law under very severe penalties.

Resolved, 2d. That we have good reason to greatly rejoice that Constitutional Prohibition prevailed in both North and South Dakota, in the elections held on the first day of the present month of October. South Dakota by reason of her large majority is justly entitled to the honor of being the first state to come into the union having prohibition in her fundamental law.

Resolved, 3rd. That the Republican party in South Dakota, in its adoption of the principle national and state prohibition is justly entitled to the approval of all prohibitionists. (See Amendment.)

Resolved, 4th. That the majority of the people of South Dakota have a right to expect the legislature at the earliest practicable moment to enact a statute for the enforcement of the prohibitory clause in our constitution; said statute to fix imprisonments as the penalty to be inflicted on transgressors. We hereby pray them to give us as nearly as the conditions will permit the Kansas statute.

Resolved, 5th. That we shall expect the dominant party in the state to keep faith with the people by making a practical application of its declared approval of national prohibition; that its representatives shall in our national congress do whatsoever may be in their power to secure national prohibition.

Resolved, 6th. That we ask the legislature for a strict and carefully prepared statute regulating the sale of intoxicants by pharmacists and druggists.

Resolved, 7th. That we send greeting to our sister prohibition states—Maine, Kansas and Iowa. When your enemies and ours threaten the revocation of your prohibitory law fear not, stand firm, South Dakota will help you all she can.

Resolved, 8th. That we send to our immediate neighbors in Minnesota and particularly in Nebraska where the question of prohibition will be voted upon next year, words of good cheer. Fight your battles in the name of God and may he give you the victory.

Resolved, 9th. That we deem it advisable to continue indefinitely an organized effort for the enforcement of prohibition. Let the non-partisan prohibition central committee which directed the campaign of the last election consider that their work is not completed until such organization shall have been effected.

Resolved, 10th. That whenever the saloons and manufacturers of strong drink shall have indemnified the widows, orphans and paupers for the damage done them by the liquor business, then we will approve of the idea of indemnifying them for the depreciation in the value of their property resulting from the enforcement of prohibition.

Resolved, 11th. In view of the fact that the question of equal suffrage is to be submitted to the people of South Dakota at the next election, we take pleasure in giving our unqualified endorsement to the measure and will work and vote accordingly. Respectfully submitted,
O. A. PHILLIPS, Chairman, JAS. ROWE, Sec., F. M. ROBERTSON, W. UNDERWOOD, D. McLEAN.

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of the heroic fifty-six members of the late Democratic State Convention of South Dakota who stood so nobly for constitutional prohibition in their platform.

HENRY M. SPRINGER, A. W. ADKINSON, WM. FIELDER, W. UNDERWOOD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE RELIGIOUS NEEDS OF THE ARMY.

WHEREAS, The formation of an army for disciplinary purposes separates the enlisted men from home and family associations, depriving them of the moulding and restraining influences of mother, sister and wife, and

WHEREAS, The enforced idleness of camp and garrison life leaves much time which is peculiarly favorable to the formation of evil habits, and

WHEREAS, Good moral character is essential to the highest discipline and usefulness of the individual soldier and his organization and when religious instruction is the basis of moral training and whereas it is found on careful investigation that the religious needs of the soldiers are wholly neglected at many posts and partially so at others, because of an insufficient number of chaplains therefore

Resolved, That the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church does hereby affirm its judgment that congress should at once adequately provide for the religious needs of said army and petitions that there be commissioned a sufficient number of chaplains with the rank of captain of infantry, who shall be required to have careful oversight of the spiritual and intellectual needs of the commands to which they may be assigned, and to see to it that religious services are regularly maintained at all the posts of the army. And that we will heartily co-operate with other religious bodies who are seeking the same end, and we do hereby most earnestly request the next congress of the United States to give prompt attention to this matter.

To this end copies of these resolutions and petitions be placed in the hands of Hon. J. A. Pickler, to be by him presented to the house of representatives, and Hon. Frank Pettigrew to be by him placed before the senate of the United States.

Further that the presiding Bishop and each member of this conference be requested to sign each of the petitions. Respectfully submitted,

Huron, S. D., October 18, 1889.

E. E. CLOUGH.

BIBLE CAUSE. (K.)

WHEREAS, The Bible society is an established agency for the circulation of the word of God, and is doing a great amount of good for fallen humanity, therefore

Resolved, That we pledge our continued support and take up the annual collection and impress upon the minds of our people, so far as we can, the importance of giving to the cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. GOSTELOW, Chairman.

FRED E. LEAGER, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDITING CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT
OF 1888. (L.)

1. We find a fine system of book keeping neatly done. We see no room for improvement.
2. We find that the discrepancies between the statistical report and the treasurer's is no fault of the treasurer, who can only account for moneys in hand.
3. The treasurer has about \$600 of Conference funds loaned at 10 per cent. and assures us at the close of this Conference he will have \$1,000 to permanently invest.
4. Your committee recommend that the Conference take formal action instructing the Conference treasurer that its funds should never be invested in real estate, but as in the past shall be loaned on well secured notes at as good a legal rate of interest as can be obtained. Respectfully submitted. S. A. FRENCH, E. E. CLOUGH, W. W. BROWN, C. H. SMITH.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS. (M.)

Your committee find at their disposal resources as follows:

Interest from \$500 loaned.....	\$ 50 00
Receipts from chartered fund.....	30 00
Dividend from Book Concern.....	541 00
Conference collections.....	199 00

Total, \$820 00

Of this sum we recommend that there be apportioned

To Mrs. Ella Vivian.....	\$130 00
To Mrs. W. H. Hoadley.....	190 00

Total, \$320 00

Our permanent investment is:

Balance this year.....	\$500 00
Already invested.....	500 00

Total, \$1,000 00

J. S. AKERS, Chairman, W. H. UNDERWOOD, Sec. L. B. WILES, T. A. JONES, DUANE RIFENBARK.

EDUCATION. (N.)

Your committee to whom were referred the educational interests presented to the Conference beg leave to report that we have received the report of the commission appointed at the last Conference, and the report from the board of directors of the Dakota University, which we here-with submit, as follows:

I. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in Conference assembled at Huron, S. D.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

We, the commission appointed by your body to determine the educational matters of the Conference beg leave to report that we met in pursuance of appointment, all members being present except the Bishop. After careful investigation we found that the city of Mitchell had complied with the terms placed upon it by the Conference and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this commission deem the conditions required by the annual Conference fully complied with, and hereby authorize the board of directors to proceed with the work of rebuilding, and hereby reiterate the assurances heretofore given by the Conference, of support to the extent of its ability.

Resolved, 2. That the Dakota university is by this action on the part of the citizens of Mitchell on a more substantial basis than ever before, and we heartily commend the action of the citizens of Mitchell and the friends of the Dakota University in so nobly coming forward with substantial aid in this time of need.

Resolved, 3. That we congratulate the people of Dakota in securing the firm establishment of an institution of learning of high grade under such favorable auspices, and most heartily commend the institution to the patronage of our own church and to that of the public generally.

L. HARTSOUGH, Chairman.

R. L. BROWN, Secretary.

II. REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS DAKOTA UNIVERSITY, MITCHELL, DAKOTA.

To the Bishop and members of the M. E. Conference of South Dakota. Dear Fathers and Brethren:

At your last session held at Yankton, Dak., a resolution was adopted declaring the inability of the Conference to rebuild the university located at Mitchell, Dak., unless means should be provided by the citizens of Mitchell or those interested in rebuilding at that place, sufficient to pay off all the existing indebtedness of said institution, amounting to \$5,773.13 also to reconstruct the old building according to plans and specifications submitted, the cost of which was estimated at \$25,450, to furnish the same at an estimate cost of \$3,000, and to pay the amount due upon campus and lots amounting to \$5,000, and a commission was appointed which was empowered to determine whether or not the means were fully provided to pay said indebtedness, secure title and rebuild according to said plans and specifications.

Said commission met at Mitchell, February 19, 1889, at which time and place a bond was submitted signed by twenty good and responsible citizens of Mitchell to secure the collection of a sufficient amount of money to pay off said indebtedness, secure title to said campus and the unsold lots as set forth in the minutes of the Dakota Conference of 1883, and to rebuild according to plans and specifications furnished, and to furnish the same at a cost of not less than \$3,000, said bond was given in consideration of notes, subscriptions and lots delivered by the board of directors at an aggregate estimated value of \$39,000, said notes and subscriptions having been given by the citizens of Mitchell and those interested in said rebuilding, wherenon said commission after examining said bond as well as the notes and subscriptions upon which the same was based adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, "That this commission deem the conditions required by the annual Conference fully complied with and hereby authorize the board of directors to proceed with the work of rebuilding and hereby reiterate the assurance given by the Conference of support to the extent of its ability."

In harmony with the action of said commission, a report of which has been made to your honorable body. The board of directors proceeded at once to comply with all of the requirements made and it is our pleasure to report all of said indebtedness paid, that perfect title has been secured to the campus and unsold lots as designated in the said Conference minutes and that the deeds for the same are recorded.

We wish to call attention to the fact that the plans and specifications referred to contemplated repairing the old walls and of leaving a large portion of the same standing but that the board with the consent and approval of the signers of said bond decided to tear down all of the walls as far as the basement and a portion of the same to the ground so that no part thereof shall remain that could in any manner whatever suggest our late disastrous fire.

Carrying out this plan we have torn down and rebuilt the walls and have completed the building excepting a portion of the basement, both in style and workmanship far superior to the plans and specifications.

Steam heating apparatus has been purchased and is now being put in, also a system of sewerage and closets not provided for in the plans. We have the building insured for \$20,000. The bills for both labor and material have been provided for as they have become due, and ample provision is made for entire completion of the work including the furnishing, and back of this is the bond of the citizens referred to which is an absolute guarantee that the institution starts out in its new career free from debt.

The fall term opened October 2, 1889, in the new building.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. E. BLANCHARD, President Board Directors.

We further learn that during the past year eighty different students exclusive of a night class, of about thirty have been in attendance at our university, and that for the first time in the history of the school the income has equaled the expenditures. That three persons were graduated from the scientific course, two from the normal, and thirteen from the commercial department.

The present term opened October 2, and already a goodly number of students are enrolled. Five-eights of these are non-residents, more than one half are open professors of religion. The faculty is able and enthusiastic. A strong religious atmosphere pervades the entire school. It is a safe place to send our Methodist young people.

And now, brethren, what is our duty? Mitchell has done her part grandly, let us do our part and maintain the school. We must make up our minds to mainly carry our own school. To do this we need two things. First, students, put two hundred students into our halls, and the financial problem is solved. Second, money. Until the attendance of students shall supply the demand for money, take large collections. Last year we were asked for \$1,500. We raised \$996. Let us not lower the standard of collections made last year, but come nearer reaching it this next year. We therefore ask you this year for \$1,500.

Your committee recommend that the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving be University Sunday and that as large a collection as possible be taken for the benefit of the school in the matter of current expenses, the same to be forwarded at once to Brother R. N. Kratz, treasurer of the board at Mitchell. Where there are appointments on a circuit in which the collection cannot be taken on University day it shall be taken on the preceding or following Sunday.

In view of the fact that the present unembarrassed and prosperous condition of the university is the result of the untiring and indomitable energy and labors of the president, William Brash, D. D., in collecting money and material, and of vice president, A. W. Adkinson, A. M., in his department, managing the educational affairs, and also in raising funds and attracting students. The board of directors unanimously request the appointment by the Bishop of these brethren to their respective positions. And we so recommend.

We nominate the following brethren as members of the Dakota University, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the terms of Rev. C. B. Clark, O. H. Sproul, H. T. Curl and Hon. A. J. Edgerton, viz:—Rev. C. B. Clark, W. H. Matson. Hon. R. L. Brown, and Hon. J. A. Cooley.

We nominate for visitors, Revs. H. H. Dresser, J. P. Jenkins, W. H. Selleck, C. H. Smith and Thomas Hamblin.

W. H. SELLECK, Chairman.

HENRY M. SPRINGER, Secretary.

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We recommend as visitors W. H. Jordan and S. C. Leavell.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS. (O.)

Resolved, 1st. That we have highly appreciated and enjoyed the administration of Bishop Vincent during Conference sessions, and the inspiring addresses with which he has favored us, and we will hail with great pleasure his return at any time.

Resolved, 2nd. That we thank most heartily Pastor Dresser, the people of his church, and the citizens of Huron generally, for the hospitable welcome and entertainment we have received.

Resolved, 3rd. That we recognize the kindness of the railroads and local newspapers.

Dakota University,



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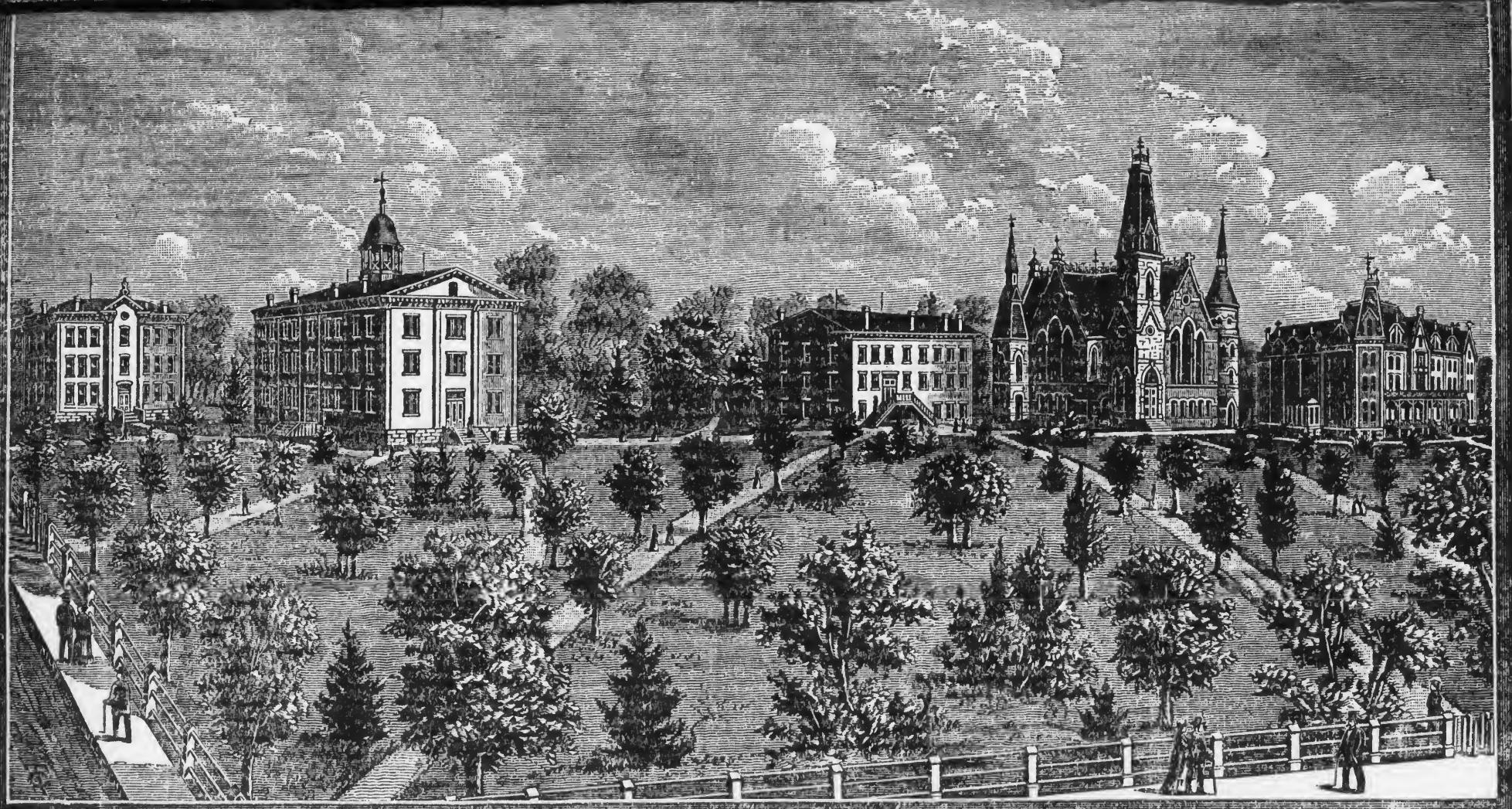
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